

Hunter Mill District Transportation Advisory Council (HMD TAC)

September 17 Meeting Summary

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Present:

Kelley Westenhoff, Kathryn Martin, Joe Stowers, Capt. Mike Wall, Jeff Anderson, Tom Biesiadny, Jenifer Joy Madden, Beverly Jurenko, Rory Rowan, Doug Pew, Randy Dittberner, Hollen Kimmel, Nick Perfili, Dick Rogers, Maggie Parker, Dan Benson, Anne Marie McKinnon, Merrily Pierce, Robert Whitfield, Adam Lind, Chris Wells, Katy Gorman, Leslie Pereira, John Thoburn Andrew Beacher

Next meeting:

TBD

I. Virginia Department of Transportation (Presenter: Andrew Beacher)

- Virginia Department of Transportation has unveiled a brand new online tool for communities accessing VDOT services
- The web address is www.virginiaroads.org
- The website provides information about paving schedules, snow plowing maps, traffic alerts, travel advisories, bicycling maps, and other transportation information
- HMD TAC member suggested to the presenter to add “report a road problem” feature to the website

II. Dulles Corridor Metrorail Update (Presenters: Katy Gorman and Leslie Pereira)

- Dulles Corridor Phase II construction activity has started at Dulles International Airport
- The MWAA Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project website will be revamped in the near future
- The web address is www.DullesMetro.com
- Phase II is building piers as part of a three part process; 200 piers will be constructed over the course of the project
- Phase II Metrorail stations will be built West to East
- Construction work has started to build the Metrorail station at Dulles Airport in front of the North Parking garage
- Herndon/Innovation Center Metrorail stations are working through environmental work
- MWAA has voluntarily decided to adhere to the new storm water management regulations for the Phase II Metrorail stations even though they were grandfathered under the old storm water regulations

III. Fairfax County Police Department (Presenter: Captain Michael Wall)

- Three FCPD bicycle teams were deployed to the Wiehle-Reston East Metrorail station during the initial two weeks to help with the transition
- Smooth transition with limited issues like vehicles stopping in travel lanes to drop off passengers
- Reston North Park & Ride has some initial issues with vehicles parking in unmarked locations
- Neighborhood speeding campaign has started; website is <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/slowdown/>

- Crossing guards are only able control traffic in association with crossing students through streets but they are prohibited from directing traffic
- Police districts have been working local schools to monitor the kiss & rides activities

IV. Fairfax County Department of Transportation (Presenters: Chris Wells, Adam Lind, Nick Perfili, Tom Biesiadny)

- Fairfax Connector shifted over 40% of their bus service for the opening of the Silver Line Metrorail
- Wiehle-Reston East Metrorail parking garage is operating at 70-75% capacity
- Herndon Monroe parking garage is slightly under their usual capacity due to commuters switching to Wiehle-Reston East
- Customers are confused about location of Wiehle-Reston East approximate to Dulles International Airport
- Fairfax Connector store at Wiehle-Reston East is going to remain open on Saturdays to help direct customers
- Fairfax Connector route 553/557/980 were moved to the southern bus bays at Wiehle-Reston East Metrorail station to help on-time performance
- HMD TAC member suggested additional way finding signs for bicyclist in the Metrorail station areas including Wiehle and Spring Hill
- Secure bicycle room has sold 275 memberships; averaging about 60-70 bicycles per day
- Unsecured bicycle racks are at capacity (32 bicycles)
- Comstock is looking at adding some additional racks on their property for bicyclists
- The bicycle parking in Tysons is at capacity; WMATA is working with FCDOT to add additional racks
- New tool available for constituents requesting pedestrian facilities such as curb ramps, crosswalks and sidewalks
- The tool is connected to a map with a layer that covers existing capital projects within the development process
- The web address is <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/pedestrian/map.htm>
- Beulah Road Walkway (NoVi trail) will begin construction in October/November
- Soapstone Connector is moving through the preliminary design phase
- HMD TAC member asked about the pedestrian/bicycle/transit facilities at the Reston Town Center Metrorail station

V. Announcements/News/Comments

- HMD TAC is supportive of the Countywide Bicycle Master Plan and they are going to speaking with the planning commission and the Board of Supervisors about their support
- October 8th is International Walk to School Day
- Reston Town Center Association has revamped their transportation website; the website address is www.linkinfo.org
- HMD TAC member requested data for the ridership of the 432 bus route from Fairfax Connector
- Vesper Trail community meeting has been scheduled for October 20 at Westbriar Elementary school
- Fairfax Connector 10 Year transit development plan is called Connections 2015
- The web address is www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/connections2015

